
Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) - Chapter 32

What Is VEAP?

The Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) is an education benefit for veterans who paid into VEAP while they were in the service. Eligible veterans may be entitled to as much as 36 months of training. Eligibility usually ends 10 years after getting out of the service, but the time limit can be longer in certain cases. Eligible veterans may pursue any of the following types of training:

- College or University Programs
- Business, Technical or Vocational Training
- On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Programs
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- National Tests
- Correspondence Courses
- Flight Training (in some cases)
- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance a job

Note: VA does not approve schools or programs for benefits. Each individual state approves schools and courses. To find out if your school or program is approved for VA educational benefits under VEAP, contact your school's VA Certifying Official, or call VA at the toll-free number below.

Who Is Eligible?

To establish eligibility to VEAP, you must have

- first entered active duty after December 31, 1976 and before July 1, 1985, **AND**
- contributed to VEAP before April 1, 1987, **AND**
- completed your first period of service, **AND**
- been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Note: You may be eligible for education benefits if you are still on active duty, call the toll-free number below for details about your eligibility for VEAP or to find out if you may switch to the Montgomery GI Bill.

What Does VA Pay?

The total dollar amount of your benefits is the sum of:

- Your total contributions, **PLUS**
- Matching funds from VA equal to 2 times your contributions, **PLUS**
- Any DOD contributions or "kickers"

The monthly amount you'll receive is based on the total (above), the number of months you contributed, the type of training you are pursuing, and your training time (i.e. full-time, half-time, etc).

Note: Contributions may be refunded. Please call the toll-free number below for more information.

How Can You Apply?

When you find a program approved for VA training, you can apply for VEAP by completing VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*. You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

Related Benefits

Work-Study Program
Noncontributory *VEAP* (Sec. 903)

Tutorial Assistance
Refund of Contributions

**For More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
or Visit Our Web Site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.**